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For: COMBINATION PREPARATION OF
HYALURONIC ACID AND AT LEAST
ONE LOCAL ANESTHETIC AND THE
USE THEREOF

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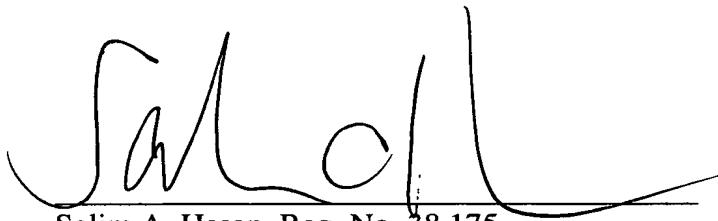
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* A concise statement of relevance is being submitted in lieu of a translation. 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3).

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